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### **Library Co-Presents 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Writers Symposium by the Sea** *Program to Take Place at Point Loma Nazarene University*

**SAN DIEGO** – As part of its Great American Writers Series, the City of San Diego Public Library will co-present the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Writers Symposium by the Sea from Feb. 23-26 at Point Loma Nazarene University. The program is also sponsored by the City Club of San Diego and the Society of Professional Journalists.

Featured writers speaking at the symposium will include nature writer and novelist Peter Matthiessen, PBS commentator Bill Moyers, pop culture writer Deborah Starr Seibel, cartoonist and graphic novelist Doug TenNapel, and writer and Christian activist Jim Wallis. The schedule of events is as follows:

#### **Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m.**

An Evening with Jim Wallis, writer and Christian activist.

Jim Wallis is a writer and leader for social change. He founded Sojourners, Christians for Justice and Peace in Washington, D.C., more than 30 years ago, and is editor of *Sojourners Magazine*, which covers faith, politics and culture. Wallis's columns appear in *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times* and other major newspapers. He was widely quoted in major news media during this past presidential election as an expert on justice, poverty and faith issues. Wallis's books include "God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It" (2005); "Faith Works: How Faith Based Organizations Are Changing Lives, Neighborhoods and America" (2000); "The Soul of Politics: Beyond 'Religious Right' and 'Secular Left'" (1994); "Who Speaks for God? A New Politics of Compassion, Community and Civility" (1996); and "Call to Conversion: Recovering the Gospel for These Times" (1981). His newest book will be released in January 2005. Event cost: \$10.

#### **Thursday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.**

An Evening with Peter Matthiessen, National Book Award-winning nature writer and novelist.

Peter Matthiessen has written nearly 30 books, which include novels, collections of short stories, and nonfiction. Much of his writing explores natural environments and human cultures threatened by encroaching development and technology. His highly acclaimed book, "The Snow Leopard," won the National Book Award. Other books of his include "Lost Man's River," "On the River Styx and Other Stories," "In the Spirit of Crazy Horse," "Sand Rivers," "Far Tortuga," and many more. His recent travels include Siberia, Korea, Australia, Bali, India and South Africa. He is one of the founding editors of *The Paris Review*, along with George Plimpton and Donald Hall. Event cost: \$10.

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**Friday, Feb. 25 at 9 a.m.**

Covering Culture with Deborah Starr Seibel, writer, *TV Guide* and *Broadcasting & Cable Magazine*.

Deborah Starr Seibel covers popular culture for *TV Guide*, *Broadcasting & Cable Magazine*, the *New York Post*, and has also written for television programs such as “Mysterious Ways,” “Promised Land” and “Sisters.” In the 1990s she covered the media for the *Chicago Tribune* and the *Los Angeles Times*. She has won Emmy Awards for her television journalism in Chicago, Denver and Phoenix, and was awarded the William Benton Fellowship in Broadcast Journalism from the University of Chicago. Event cost: \$5.

**Friday, Feb. 25 at 10:15 a.m.**

Storytelling Every Which Way with Doug TenNapel, cartoonist, TV writer and graphic novelist. Short films, feature films, television, animation, claymation, comics, graphic novels, you name it: there is no genre where Doug TenNapel cannot go. His television work includes animation for the Fox Saturday morning cartoon “Attack of the Killer Tomatoes,” along with his new cartoon series coming out on Nickelodeon in the spring of 2005 called “Catscratch.” TenNapel has several graphic novels out, including “Creature Tech,” which is being made into a Hollywood movie, and “Tommysaurus Rex.” His video game, Earthworm Jim, was made into a television show. He was the creative producer on the ABC prime time murder mystery, “Push, Nevada.” He is a regular speaker at ComiCon in San Diego, the largest comics convention in the world, and recently won the prestigious Eisner Award at that convention. He has been on the cover of Southwest Airlines *Inflight Magazine* and in dozens of other national magazines, and is considered a true creative genius. TenNapel is a graduate of Point Loma Nazarene University. More on TenNapel can be found at: <http://www.tennapel.com>. Event cost: \$5.

**Saturday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m.**

An Evening with Bill Moyers, internationally known broadcast journalist and commentator. Bill Moyers is one of the most important people in broadcast journalism history. His “Bill Moyers Reports” program and “NOW with Bill Moyers” on Public Television have been some of the most highly regarded broadcasts because of their thoroughness, their creativity, their accuracy, and their stunning craft of storytelling. Moyers has won more than 30 Emmys, two Gold Baton Awards, and a Peabody Award for Lifetime Achievement for his three decades in the media. Before entering broadcasting, Moyers was deputy director of the Peace Corps, and was the press secretary to President Lyndon Johnson. He left the White House to be publisher of the Newsday newspaper. He is president of the Schumann Center for Media and Democracy, and is working on a biography of Lyndon Johnson. He retired from television in December 2004. More on Bill Moyers can be found at: <http://www.pbs.org/now/press>. Event cost: \$15.

Students from all schools may attend for free, but must register for events. All events will take place at Coopers Music Center on the Point Loma Nazarene University campus. For more information and reservations, call (619) 849.2695 or visit the Web site at <http://www.ptloma.edu/writers>.

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